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VITAL STATISTICS.

1917 PROGRESS REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RELATION OF 1920 CENSUS TO VITAL STATISTICS TO THE SECTION IN VITAL STATISTICS, AMERICAN PUBLIC HEALTH ASSOCIATION.

BY WILLIAM H. GUILFOY, M.D., AND EDWIN W. KOPF.
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This committee* was appointed in 1916 to inquire into the chief aspects of and requisites for public and private vital statistics work in the next census year and to submit constructive recommendations on these points.

This report is more of a summary of recent progress in the general field of vital statistics and closely related social statistics of various kinds than a program for the Census of 1920. The committee apparently thinks of the U. S. Census for the year 1920 in two ways, namely, as a definite date for a general review and as an agency for accomplishing certain things.

A goal is always desirable as a spur to effort, and there is much to be said in favor of making 1920 the end of a period within which certain reforms should be accomplished. It should be borne in mind, however, that an inventory is not only a means of closing up the accounts of past transactions, but is a basis for new enterprise to follow, and its taking should not be made so important and absorbing as to distract attention from or to impede the regular ongoing of the business.

Naturally the committee lays much stress on vital statistics, but it does not neglect the opportunity to make helpful suggestions of improvements in the enumeration of population, by racial and local groups, which would be of service to social investigators as well as to those working for improved health and sanitation.

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